

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1-102. (Canceled)

103. (Previously Presented) A camera selecting method for selecting a camera which can monitor a specific subject from among images of a plurality of cameras, comprising:

storing plural pairs of information, with each pair including a name of a subject and information specifying at least one of said plurality of cameras which can monitor said subject;

inputting text indicative of the specific subject to be searched for;

searching the plural pairs of information for a pair of information which has data corresponding to the text having been inputted;

selecting one of said plurality of cameras specified by the information included in the pair of information found by the searching;

displaying on a display unit a video image output from a camera designated by the selecting.

104. (Previously Presented) An image searching method according to Claim 103, wherein the image displaying step includes a substep of synthesizing a graphics representing the subject thus specified on the video image displayed on the display unit.

105. (Previously Presented) An image searching method according to Claim 103, wherein the inputting step includes a substep of inputting the search key by using voice.

106. (Canceled)

107. (Previously Presented) A camera selecting apparatus for selecting a camera which can monitor a specific subject from among images of a plurality of cameras, comprising:

a storage to store plural pairs of information, with each pair including a name of a subject and information specifying at least one of said plurality of cameras which can monitor said subject;

a user-interface to input text indicative of the specific subject to be searched for;

a search unit to search the plural pairs of information for a pair of information which has data corresponding to the text having been inputted;

a selecting unit to select one of said plurality of cameras specified by the information included in the pair of information found by the search unit;

a video image searching a display unit to display , when the subject fitting to the search key is specified by the subject searching unit, an output video camera image from a camera designated by the selecting unit.

108. (Canceled)

109. (Previously presented) An image searching apparatus according to Claim 107, comprising a synthesizing display unit which synthesizes a graphics representing the subject on the video image searched by the video image searching unit.

110. and 111. (Canceled)